

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL, URBAN AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS**

Wednesday, December 5, 2007

10:30 a.m.

Room 327, House Office Building

Chair Byrum called the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental, Urban and Regional Affairs to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reps. Byrum, Young, Coulouris, Farrin, Johnson, Meadows, Nitz, Meekhof, Opsommer (9/11)

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Reps. Tobocman, Pavlov (2/11)

Representative Opsommer moved to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on November 28, 2007. Hearing no objection, the **motion prevailed** with unanimous consent.

Representative Nitz moved to excuse absent members. Hearing no objection, **Chair Byrum** excused **Representatives Tobocman and Pavlov**.

The **Chair** laid **House Bills 4868** and **5319** before the committee.

HB 4868	Young	Cities; home rule; blight violations; expand to include right-of-way signage violations.
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HB 5319	Jackson	Local government; other; penalties for noncompliance with order; expand to include a blight violation under certain circumstances.
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Representative Young explained the intent of **House Bill 4868** and a proposed **Substitute (H-2)**.

Representative Jackson explained the intent of **House Bill 5319** and a proposed **Substitute (H-1)**.

Kenneth Cockrel Jr., representing the Detroit City Council, testified in **support** of the bills and answered questions. He also submitted written material.

Miriam Blanks-Smart, representing the Detroit Department of Administrative Hearings, testified in **support** of the bills and answered questions.

Amru Meah, representing the Detroit Department of Buildings and Safety Engineering, testified in **support** of the bills and answered questions.

Andy Schor, representing the Michigan Municipal League, testified in **support** of the bills.

Representative Young moved to adopt **Substitute (H-2)** to **House Bill 4868**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Byrum, Young, Coulouris, Farrah, Johnson, Meadows, Nitz, Meekhof, Opsommer (9/11)

NAYS: None (0/11)

PASS: None (0/11)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

Representative Young moved to report **House Bill 4868**, with recommendation, as **Substitute (H-2)**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Byrum, Young, Coulouris, Farrah, Johnson, Meadows, Nitz, Meekhof, Opsommer (9/11)

NAYS: None (0/11)

PASS: None (0/11)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

Representative Young moved to adopt **Substitute (H-1)** to **House Bill 5319**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Byrum, Young, Coulouris, Farrah, Johnson, Meadows, Nitz, Meekhof, Opsommer (9/11)

NAYS: None (0/11)

PASS: None (0/11)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

Representative Meadows moved to report **House Bill 5319**, with recommendation, as **Substitute (H-1)**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Byrum, Young, Coulouris, Farrah, Johnson, Meadows, Nitz, Meekhof, Opsommer (9/11)

NAYS: None (0/11)

PASS: None (0/11)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Chair** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being **10:59 a.m.**

Representative Barb Byrum, Chair

Jean Hamelin, Committee Clerk

Proposed